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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JOHN EDWARDS, a Senator from the State of North Carolina.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, You open Your heart to us. You assure us of Your unqualified and unlimited love. In spite of all the changes in our lives, You never change. We hear Your assurance, "I love you. I will never let you go. You are mine. I have chosen and called you to know, to love, and to serve Me."

In response, we open our hearts to You. We choose to be chosen. We accept Your love and forgiveness and turn our lives over to Your control. We confess anything we have said or done that deserves Your judgment. Cleanse our memory of any failures that would haunt us today and give us the courage to act on specific guidance You have given but we have been reluctant to put into action. We commit to You our families, our friends, and those with whom we work. Help us to communicate Your creative delight in each person's uniqueness and potential.

We dedicate this day's work of this Senate. Bless the Senators with a renewed sense of Your presence, a rededication of their calling to serve You and our Nation, and a reaffirmation of their dependence on You. Through our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JOHN EDWARDS led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 22, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN EDWARDS, a Senator from the State of North Carolina, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. EDWARDS thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader, the Senator from Nevada, is recognized.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE—H.R. 3009

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived with respect to the cloture motion filed on H.R. 3009.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the Senate is going to be in a period of morning business until 10:30. Senator KENNEDY has the first half hour. At 10:30 the Senate will resume consideration of the trade bill, with 60 minutes of debate equally divided between the two leaders or their designees. At 11:30 we will vote on cloture on the Baucus substitute amendment. Senators have until 10:30 today to file.

If cloture is invoked today, we will go under the postcloture procedure. There are a number of germane amend-

ments. We hope we can work our way quickly through those.

The Appropriations Committee, at 2 o'clock today, is going to meet to mark up, we hope, the supplemental appropriations bill which Senator BYRD and the leader have indicated they would like to try to finish before the week's end.

We have a lot of work to do and not a lot of time to do it, so everyone is going to have to be cooperative if we are going to depart at a decent hour on Friday.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 10:30 a.m. with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

Under the previous order, the first half of the time shall be under the control of the majority leader or his designee.

The Senator from Massachusetts.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, we have 15 minutes, is that correct, or do we have the whole half hour?

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator has 27 minutes.

Mr. KENNEDY. It is 27 minutes. I ask unanimous consent I be in control of that time.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EDUCATION

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, as I have done on other occasions, I want to bring attention of the Senate to where

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